

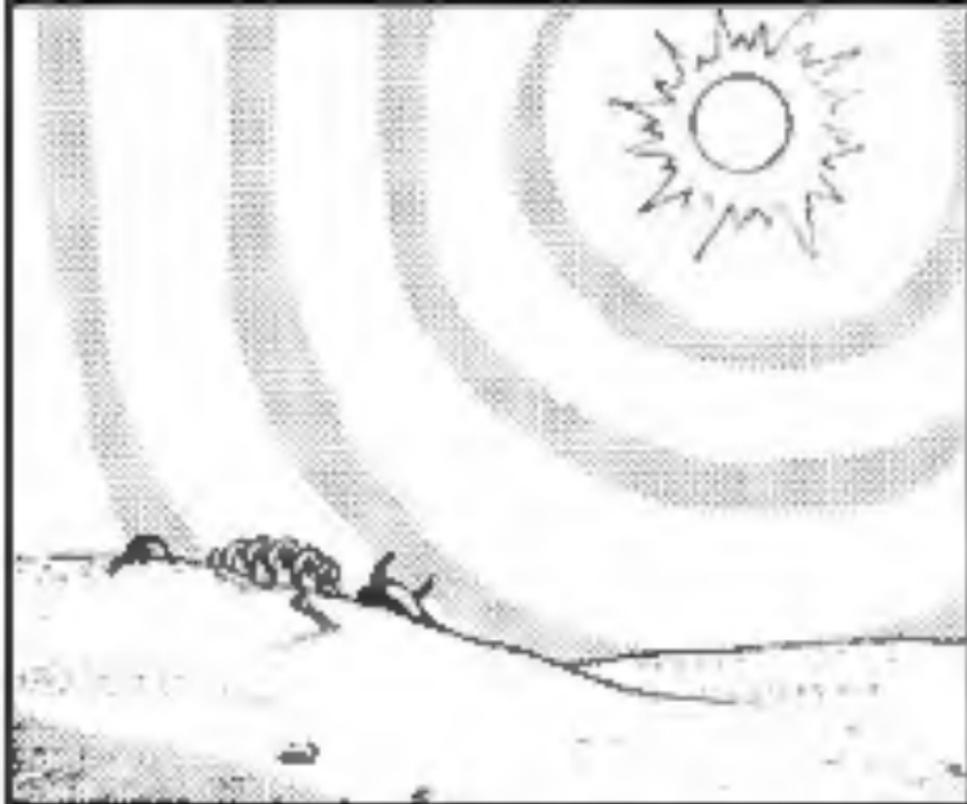


# THE SECRET OF PRAYER

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**Elijah prayed down fire from heaven. (1 Kings 18:38)**



**His prayers held back rain for three years - because of Israel's wickedness. (James 5:17)**



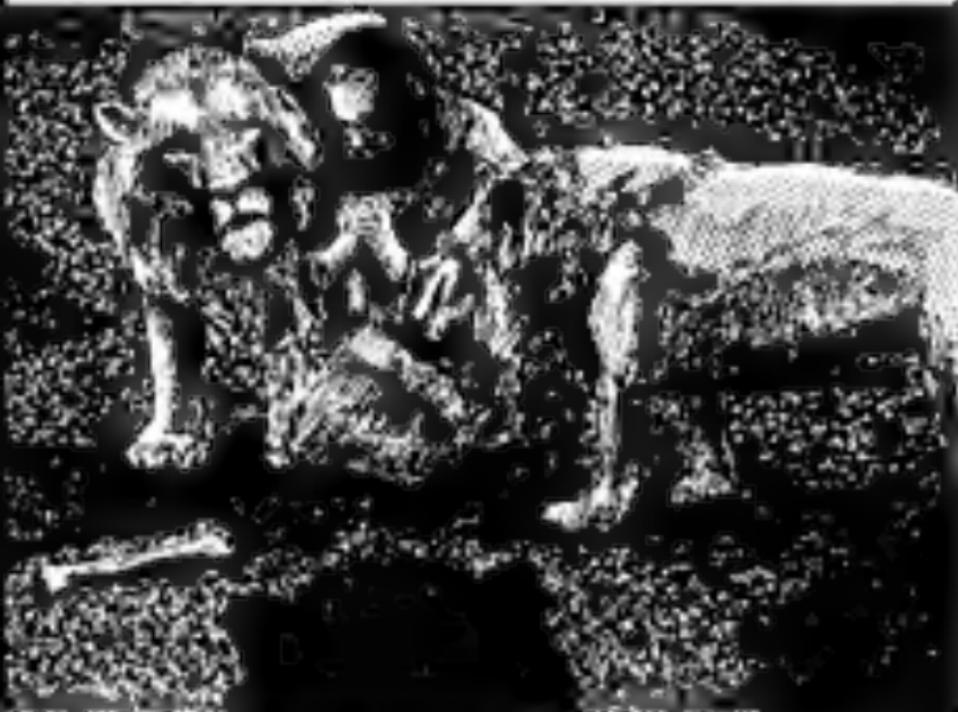
**Elijah prayed for rains to come  
- and the land was refreshed.**

**(James 5:18)**

**“...The effectual  
fervent prayer of  
a righteous man  
availeth much.”  
James 5:16**



Because Daniel dared to pray –  
he was put into a den of lions.



God heard his prayers  
and saved him.

Daniel served under these three men.



NEBUCHADNEZZAR



BELSHAZZAR



DARIUS

Daniel was  
Governor over  
the whole  
province of  
Babylon.

Daniel  
Became the  
third ruler of  
his kingdom.

Daniel  
became one  
of his three  
presidents.

With all this responsibility, Daniel  
took time to pray 3 times daily.  
– Do you?

**We now move  
into the New  
Testament and  
see the Lord  
Jesus Christ pray  
to His Father in  
Heaven.**



**He would rise up a great while  
before day to commune in prayer  
(Jesus is the master of prayer).**

**(Mark 1:35)**



Lord, teach  
us to pray!

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." (Matt. 6:9-13)

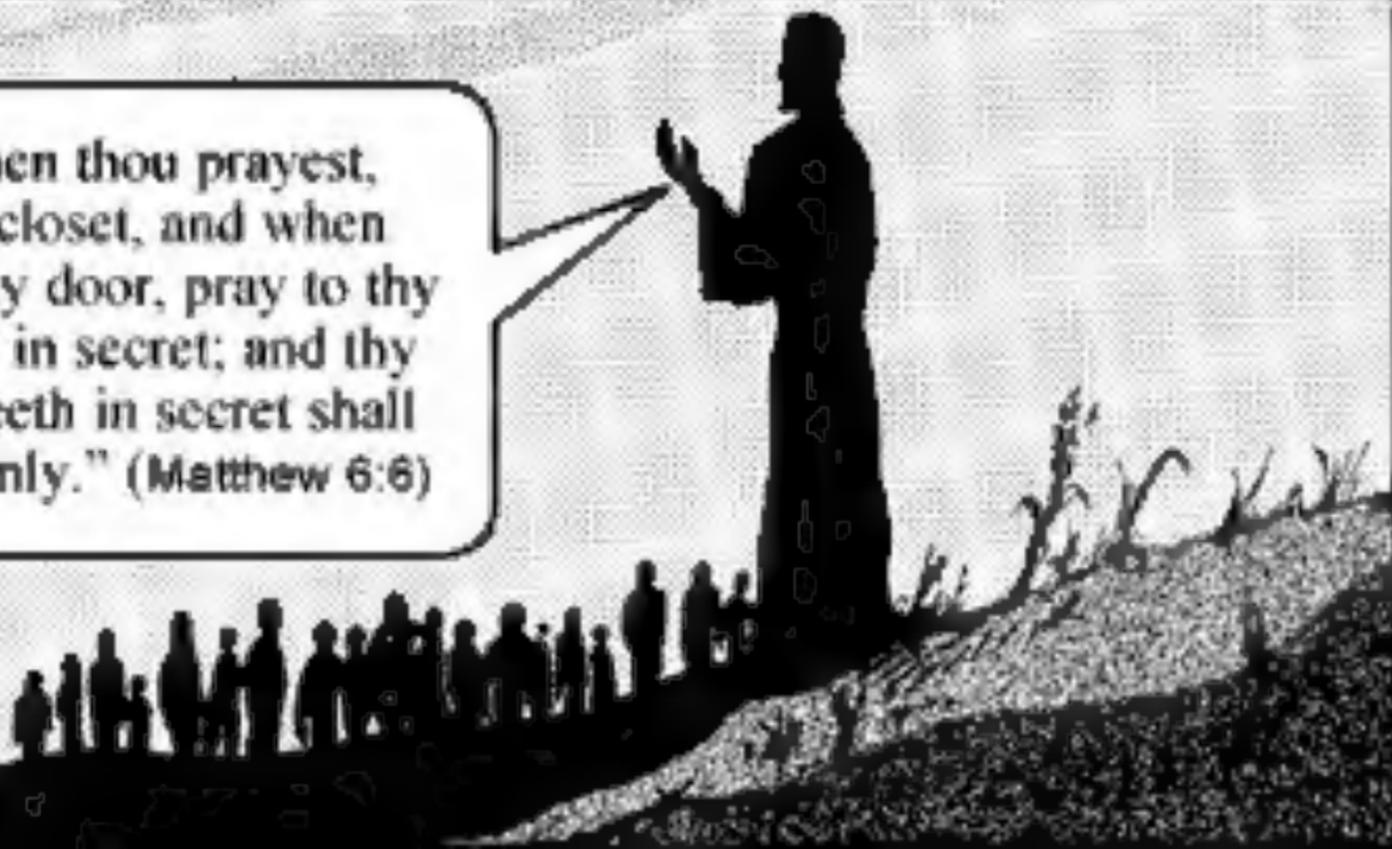
The Lord gave us an example of how to pray - but to pray this prayer constantly is vain repetition. (Matthew 6:7)

## **This is the pattern he taught us!**

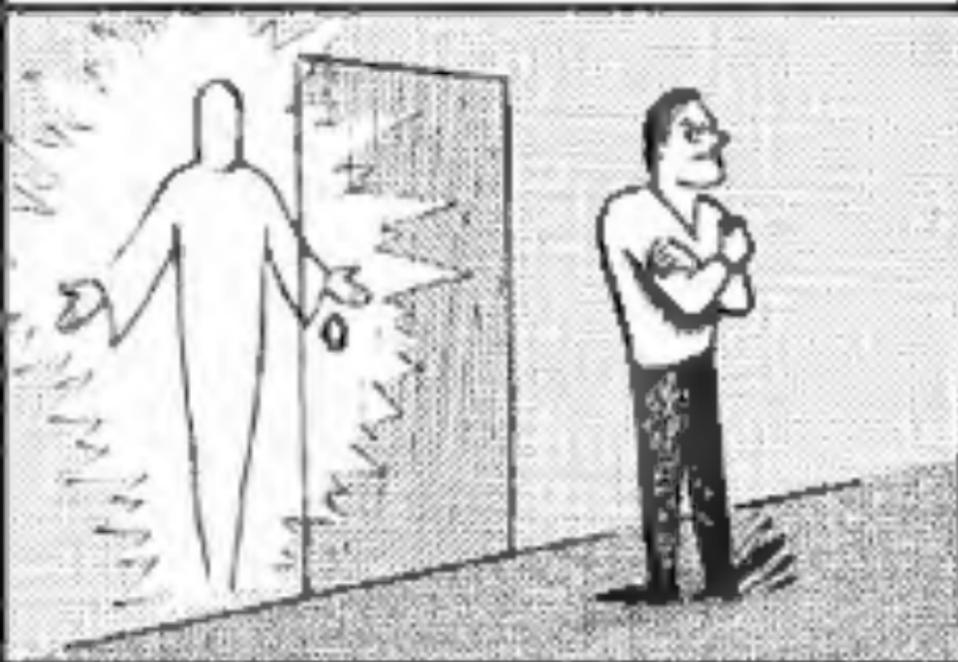
- 1. You are to exalt the Father.**
- 2. Thy kingdom come – refers to His 2nd coming to set up His millennial reign.**
- 3. Ask for your necessities daily.**
- 4. We ask for forgiveness. We must forgive others.  
(Ephesians 4:32)**
- 5. Pray for protection from the Devil, and not be overcome by temptation. (1 Corinthians 10:13)**
- 6. We are to give to the Lord – glory, power and honor.**
- 7. Praise Him and make your request known.**
- 8. You end your prayer in the name of The Lord Jesus Christ.  
(John 14:13-14)**

The first public teaching on prayer was given by  
Jesus in the sermon on the mount.

“But thou, when thou prayest,  
enter into thy closet, and when  
thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy  
Father which is in secret; and thy  
Father which seeth in secret shall  
reward thee openly.” (Matthew 6:6)



You must daily have a time of prayer alone with the Father...



Because your heavenly Father is waiting to talk to you.

Even though your heart is cold and prayerless - go into the presence of your loving Father.



Do not think of how little you have to bring God, but how much He wants to give you. (Remember - He loves you!)

**“Your father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.” Matthew 6:8**

**The fascinating story\* of George Müller illustrates this point.**

**\*See: The Diary of George Müller, Great Man of Prayer, Compiled by A. J. Rendle Short, Zondervan, 1972.**



George Müller prays –

Father I need 3  
sacks of flour!

LEDGER

Request  
Need 3 sacks  
of flour

Answer

Knock . . . Knock



LEDGER

Request  
Need 3 sacks  
of flour.

Answer  
Late that  
same night



On the day of Pentecost - The Holy Spirit came to dwell in the believers. (Acts 2:1-4)



When a person receives Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, he is born again, his sins are washed away, and his death has taken the penalty of the Holy Spirit.

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Almost immediately the enemy attacks the new Christian's prayer life



Whenever this occurs, plead the blood of Jesus and demand Satan to leave in Jesus name.



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In a little while he becomes too busy to pray

If he goes to prayer meetings, he becomes bored listening to long prayers - sometimes he falls asleep anyway, why should God even listen to his prayers?

If he reads about the great men of prayer like David Brainerd



The new Christian will feel inadequate - but the secret was, David Brainerd prayed in Spirit and Truth.

The apostle John writes to his "little children" (Christian believers) - "If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8

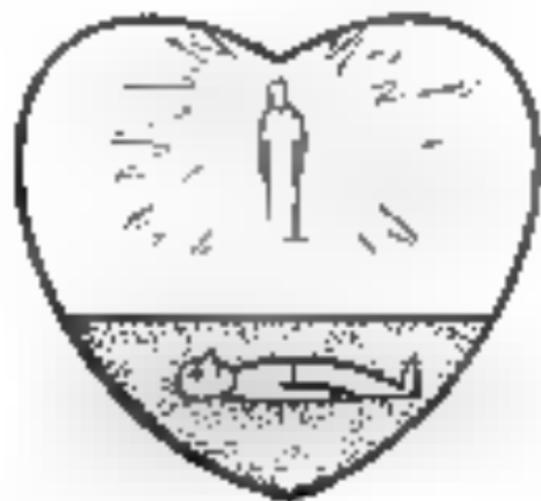
• Christ in you, the hope of glory  
Colossians 1:27



The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"  
Jeremiah 17:9

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh and these are contrary the one to the other so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Galatians 5:17

We must bury the old man  
(the flesh) daily!



Surrender all to Christ  
(sometimes 5 or 6 times a day).

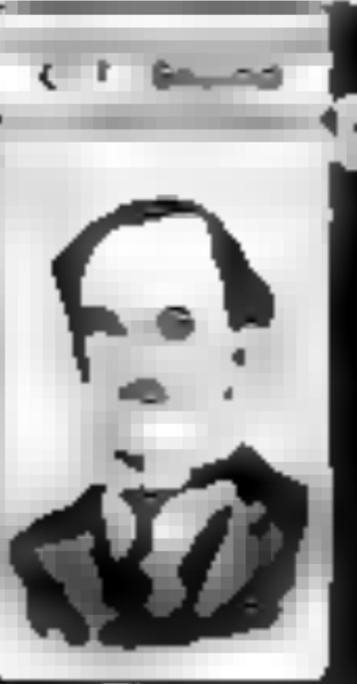


We must confess  
we can't worship  
God in a way that is  
pleasing to Him.

So we turn the job  
over to the Lord,  
and the Holy Spirit  
prays with us in  
Spirit and truth.

A project from  
**the Lord**

Because of the  
power of the  
Lord in the  
land which is  
before you to  
bring you to  
this land, the  
Lord.



It is the will of the Lord that we should be  
in the land which is before you to bring you to  
this land, the Lord.

In a church meeting last month,  
a missionary leader wept. He  
begged us to pray to the Lord  
of harvest to send laborers



In India, over  
50,000 villages  
have never heard  
the name of  
Jesus!

He said caravans leave Nepal for  
China and Tibet, that could be  
carrying Bibles and gospel tracts.



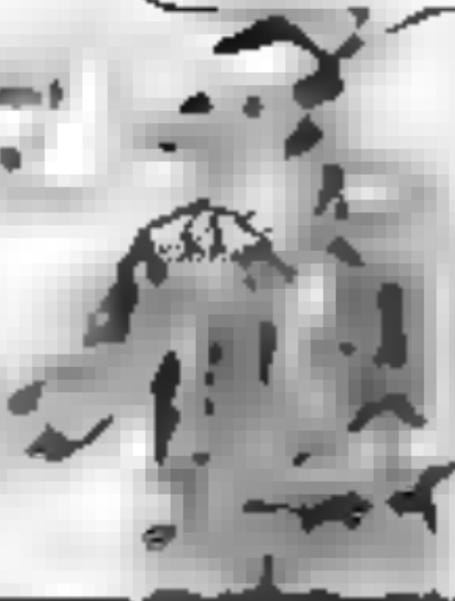
But they go  
away empty,  
because no  
one is there!

**Beloved, pray for the lost!**  
**Pray - Pray - Pray**

Two days

You have my word  
I pay you back

1. A. Love  
2. B. Hate



A word of mine is a promise  
I never break it  
because I never pay you back

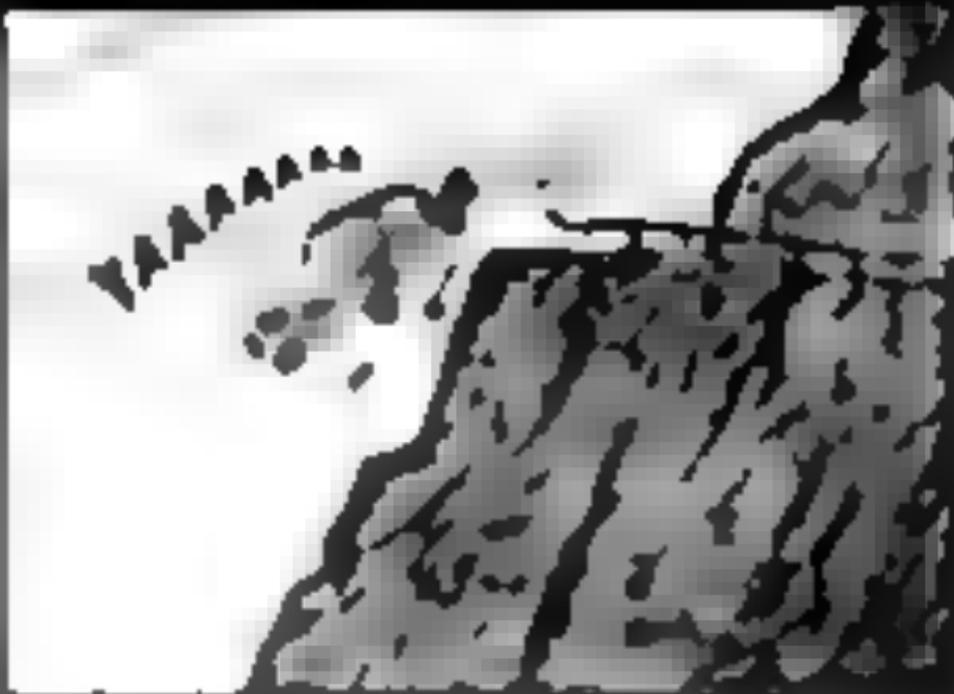
A word of mine



I never pay you back  
because I never pay you back

3 weeks later

YAAAAAAH



That man and his girlfriend  
plunged to a hellish grave

That whole supernatural one of those  
tales which he used in real life were  
better to him than a million were  
passed along his way to show that he  
were delivered in his death and the end  
Matthew 18 8

Jesus said  
Pray for those who despise you — it is our common  
responsibility.

My friend forgot to pray for  
that man to protect him from  
God's judgment



God didn't  
answer my  
prayers – so  
I quit praying!  
I tried His  
promises and  
found them  
untrue!

“And whatsoever we ask, we  
receive of him, because we keep his  
commandments,

and do those things that  
are pleasing in his sight.”

1 John 3:22



**OOOPS!** I  
didn't see that!

Lets read the fine print in the contract.

Remember, God is watching us day and night.



Is everything we do pleasing in His sight?

Beloved, pray that the Lord reveals all obstacles to our prayer life... so then we can become effective in our prayers.



“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:” *Matthew 7:7*

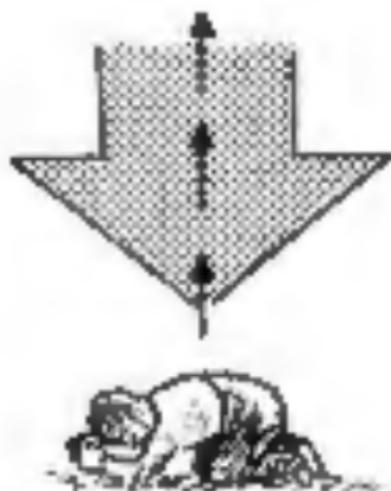
**Remember**

Prayers can  
be uttered by  
a little child.



Also it is the holiest and highest  
work to which man can rise.

It's the channel of all blessings,  
the secret of power and life.



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